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SUBJECT: ALLEGED US-SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY RELATIONSHIP

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1. NIGERIAN HERALD, OWNED BY KWARA STATE GOVERNMENT, CARRIES FULL PAGE ARTICLE BY ROBERT MANNING IN AUGUST 10 ISSUE ALLEGING THAT "US QUIETLY STEPPING UP RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA". CITING MULDER AND BIERMANN VISITS, ARTICLE FOLLOWS LINE OF SIMILAR ARTICLES WHICH APPEARED IN US PRESS DURING EARLY MAY AND ARE CITED IN REFTEL.

2. FOLLOWING UP ON MANNING PIECE, HERALD ON AUGUST 12 CARRIES EDITORIAL ATTACKING US FOR "GROSS DISSERVICE TO ENTIRE AFRICAN PEOPLE" THROUGH ITS ALLEGED STRENGTHENING OF TIES TO SOUTH AFRICA. EDITORIAL, HOWEVER, EXPRESSED HOPE FOR "SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT" IN US-AFRICAN RELATIONS IN WAKE CHANGE OF ADMINISTRATION, BUT CONCLUDES THAT AFRICANS SHOULD FIRMLY TELL USG THAT IT MUST CHOOSE WHICH SIDE IT WISHES TO SUPPORT.

3. COMMENT: WOULD APPRECIATE ANY IDENTIFICATION DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE OF ROBERT MANNING OR OF SOURCE ARTICLE CARRIED

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